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Bikers try out a new kind of streaking for MS

FUNDRAISER Dyed, painted or clipped-on sashes of red hair would have made anyone fit in during the kickoff of the Rona MS Bike Tour on Thursday morning.

"It's to raise money for research and programs for people living with MS," said Jackie Ferner, the event's volunteer co-ordinator.

Along with members of the Edmonton Oil Kings, the bike and running tour participants warmed up on upright bikes and got their hair streaked while raising awareness for multiple sclerosis.

For those who didn't want to dye their hair, courtesy of Edmonton's Angels Salon, for a \$5 donation, participants could buy a red clip-in.

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Baby taken off life support

Brain-damaged infant dies after parents abandon court battle

A brain-injured baby whose parents dropped a court battle to keep him on life support has died in their arms.

Rebecka and Isaac May had been seeking to consult with medical experts to review whether their son, Isaiah, should be unhooked from the medical equipment that was keeping him alive.

Their lawyer, Rosanna Saccomani, said Isaiah was surrounded by his family when he died Thursday at around noon.

"Isaiah has been a blessing to us and his spirit will

"We have set our tiny miracle free and he is now home in the arms of angels."
 Family statement

always be in our hearts," the parents said in a statement read by Saccomani.

"We will never forget the miracle of his birth, the Christmas we spent together and the early spring day when we said our goodbyes. We will always cherish our son and the gift of



Rebecka May holds her son Isaiah in this undated family photo.

time with him. We have set our tiny miracle free and he is now home in the arms of angels."

The court had been slated to hear details about an independent medical review of the boy's condition, but the proceeding did not go ahead.

The baby was born last October with severe brain damage after his umbilical cord got wrapped around his throat, which deprived him of oxygen. Doctors at Edmonton's Stollery Children's Hospital were planning to disconnect Isaiah from a ventilator on Jan. 20, but his parents persuaded a judge to give them time to get a second opinion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Alberta cuts energy royalty rates in bid to win investment

POWER The Alberta government is cutting royalty rates for the oil and natural gas industry starting next year in a bid to win back investment in the province.

The province said Thursday the maximum royalty rates for conventional oil will be cut from 50 per cent to 40 per cent, while the top rate for natural gas will be 36 per cent, down from 50 per cent.

A transitional five per cent royalty rate for new wells introduced last year will also become a permanent feature.

"They will help us use innovation to unlock our energy resources, create opportunities and jobs in communities large and small across our province and strengthen Alberta's economic recovery," Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach said of the cuts.

The government said the net result of the cuts will be a \$363-million reduction in revenue in 2012 and 2013.



Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach announces the outcome of Alberta's conventional oil and gas competitive review at a news conference in Calgary Thursday. The government announced it is sharply reducing royalties paid on conventional oil and natural gas that could potentially cost the government hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue.

The province also said it wanted to streamline its regulatory regime by avoiding duplication with

various departments involved in the approval process. "If we can move towards

code of practice in some areas as opposed to very prescriptive kinds of approvals," Environment

Minister Rob Renner said. "That will probably evolve over time."

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Simon and Garfunkel tix on sale

The '60s duo Simon and Garfunkel, left, is coming to Edmonton. Rexall Place will host the legendary pair on May 1. Tickets go on sale today through Ticketmaster.

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Thailand's Nonsai vows to be the one to beat at Frank Lee's Muay Thai Mayhem competition Saturday.

Fighters bringing mayhem to city

COMPETITION Promoter Frank Lee will take Edmonton's fighting scene to the next level in Muay Thai Mayhem II on Saturday. "It's definitely a world-class event featuring four professional fights and various amateur fights," said Muay Thai Mayhem's Dean Panas. "The punches and knockouts, everything everyone likes about mixed martial arts is Muay Thai."

Lee added: "Muay Thai is the best type of standup fight, and I've brought the top champions to Edmonton so people can see a real

standup fight."

After starting a Muay Thai movement by teaching in 1980, Lee is bringing Muay Thai Mayhem to Edmonton so people can see the world's best in their backyard.

Getting its start in historical Thailand, where Thais were forced to defend themselves from invaders using hand-to-hand combat, Muay Thai kick-boxing is an all-contact sport that is fast and punishing.

"I want to win each fight," said Nonsai, the world champion from Thailand.

On his first visit to Canada, Nonsai hopes to dominate the ring while fighting for the World Muay Thai Council Championship.

Another competitor, Edmonton's Nick (the Quiet Assassin) Penner, added: "I love fighting in Edmonton. It's an adrenalin rush."

Penner had his first fight at age 15, and with an expected 1,500 fans eyeing the cage this weekend, he will be tough to beat as one of Canada's most talented kick-boxers.

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Website recognizes Northlands' green efforts

ENVIRONMENT Northlands has been recognized for its efforts in greenhouse-gas reporting and, more importantly, for making an effort to reduce its carbon footprint.

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house Gases Challenge Registry — a website that helps you manage, measure and report your greenhouse gas emissions, reductions, and removals — has recognized Northlands as a bronze champion-level

reporter, the third-highest level of achievement in the registry.

For more information on this climate-change initiative, visit the website at ggregistries.com.

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Guerilla gardening in bloom

Group greening up Edmonton by finding homes for vegetation

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"We're not about vandalizing anything or trespassing. We're just about trying to do something interesting with neglected space. And there's a lot of it." Dustin Bajer, Guerilla Gardeners

He's Edmonton's version of Johnny Appleseed and this local green-thumb is hoping more people start following his lead.

"I love to throw tons of seeds over a fence, just to see what grows," Dustin Bajer told a group of about a dozen people in a classroom at Grant MacEwan University.

Bajer was at the school giving a talk on his grass-roots group Edmonton Guerrilla Gardeners, and his vision of a greener city.

Bajer started a Facebook group three years ago and threw the idea out there to improve neighbourhoods, parking lots, and unused public spaces by gardening beyond your own backyard.

That idea spread like weeds and at the gardeners' first event, 20 people showed up with plants in hand. Half of them Bajer had never met before.

"We met at the gazebo off Whyte and it was totally unorganized," Bajer said.

"People just showed up with whatever plants they had and we just walked around the neighbourhood trying to find homes

for them."

The Facebook group has about 400 members now. They're much more organized and they consistently get 20 to 30 people out to any one event.

While Bajer admitted that the name "guerrilla gardener" and the idea of illegal gardening can have negative connotations, he said his intentions are nothing but good.

"We're not about vandalizing anything or trespassing," he said. "We're just about trying to do something interesting with neglected space. And there's a lot of it."

To find out more about the Edmonton Guerrilla Gardeners, search for them on Facebook or email theurbangreening@gmail.com.



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A delegation from First Nations University of Canada has been told Ottawa won't restore \$7 million in annual funding to the Saskatchewan-based institution. Last month, Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl said he'd waited long enough for the university to reform itself and would halt funding after the end of the fiscal year on March 31. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Surgeon gets reprieve

Dr. Barbara Heartwell, a surgeon suspended after performing unnecessary mastectomies, will return to the operating room. After a five-hour meeting, she has had her operating privileges reinstated at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital in Windsor.

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Auditor doubts Tory budget aims

POLITICS Unless the economy outperforms expectations, the only way the Tory government can meet its longer-term deficit-reduction goals will be to slash programs or raise taxes, says parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page.

His analysis casts doubt on the government's claim that by reducing spending, Ottawa can wipe out most of its current \$54-billion deficit in five years.

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Wall's security boosted

ALERT A Saskatchewan man is accused of uttering threats against Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier Brad Wall and Elwin Hermanson, chief commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission.

RCMP say the threats were made by phone starting last June.

The Saskatchewan government said it has responded by boosting the security around the premier.



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Donald Lorenz, 68, appeared in court Wednesday and was remanded in custody.

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Law change may add 45,000 to Indian registry

"This legislation provides an excellent opportunity to address long-standing gender discrimination ..."

— Chuck Strahl



Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl defends the legislation in the Commons Thursday.

Ottawa gives grandchildren a break

The federal government has introduced legislation to extend formal Indian status to the grandchildren of aboriginal women who married non-natives.

The change could add as many as 45,000 people to the Indian registry.

The bill, introduced in the Commons Thursday by Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl, is in response to a 2009 B.C. court judgment that ruled a law denying Indian status to

"They did what they minimally had to do."

Jean Crowder

the grandchildren was discriminatory.

"This legislation provides an excellent opportunity to address long-standing gender discrimination related to Indian registration," Strahl said.

The B.C. Court of Appeal gave Ottawa a deadline of

April 6, 2010, to change the law.

The government has applied for an extension to push that deadline to the end of the current parliamentary session.

NDP critic Jean Crowder said her party will support the bill, although she said it doesn't address broader native questions.

"It's a very narrow response to the B.C. court decision; they did what they minimally had to do," she said.

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Networks want to cover man's lost 34 hours

INQUEST News outlets were to be in court Friday to argue that an inquest into the death of a homeless man should be televised so as many people as possible can watch it.

Brian Sinclair, a double amputee, died of a preventable bladder infection after a 34-hour wait in a hospital emergency room in September 2008.

The inquest is scheduled for later this year in a Winnipeg court.

Networks including

"There is no legitimate basis to restrict camera access."

TV networks' court brief

CBC, CTV, Global and APTN are to argue that the public has a right to watch the inquest on television or through direct streaming on the web.

Cameras are banned

from Manitoba courthouses, but inquests at other locations have historically been broadcast.

"There is no legitimate basis to restrict camera access," states a brief submitted by network lawyers.

"This is a matter in which there is a great deal of public interest ... The public interest would be best served by making as much information as possible available to the public on a timely basis."

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International aid agency sounds alarm for Zimbabwe

The Red Cross pleaded for international funds for urgent aid to Zimbabwe, saying in a statement that an estimated 2.17 million people are in need of food. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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World

Chilean president's first day marred by quakes

The earth shook Thursday as dignitaries walked in for the swearing-in of Sebastian Pinera as Chile's president.

The president and his ministers then quickly swore their oaths, and the audience of 2,000 headed for the exits, joining an evacuation called out of concern that Thursday's repeated aftershocks would set off another tsunami.

Inauguration Day was peppered with more than a dozen significant aftershocks, amply demonstrating Pinera's challenges after last month's magnitude-8.8 quake, one of the biggest in modern history.

Chile's first elected right-wing president in 52 years won office promising to improve the economy. He says he'll be the "reconstruction president." His advice to citizens: "Let's dry our tears and put our hands to work."



Paraguay's president, Fernando Lugo, right, next to Bolivia's president, Evo Morales, centre, look up during an aftershock as Chilean President Sebastian Pinera was sworn into office.

But relief efforts stalled Thursday as more than 10 earthquakes shook Chile in a span of six hours. The strongest, at 6.9, nearly matched the 7.0-magnitude

quake that devastated Haiti. Pinera urged citizens to heed the Chilean navy's tsunami warning and seek higher ground.

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News in brief

TECHNOLOGY British officials say they're pressuring Facebook to make a "panic button" available on its Web pages following the murder of a teenager by a man she met on the popular social networking site. Calls to create the one-click button, which can allow children to get immediate police help if they suspect they're at risk, intensified following the kidnap, rape and murder of 17-year-old Ashleigh Hall. Her killer, Peter Chapman, used a bogus Facebook identity to befriend her online.

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Thai capital prepares for protest

RALLY Bangkok braced for possible violence as anti-government demonstrators prepared Friday to launch what they hope will be one of the country's biggest protests ever, aiming to force Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to call new elections.

Leaders of the United Front for Democracy

Against Dictatorship — called the Red Shirts because of their hallmark garb — have vowed to keep their "Million-man march" nonviolent. The group's last major protest in Bangkok deteriorated into rioting that saw two people killed, and more than 120 people injured.

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A federal appeals court in San Francisco upheld the use of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance and "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency, rejecting arguments on Thursday that the phrases violate the principle of separation of church and state. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Condom machines draw ire from church

The decision by a Rome high school to install condom vending machines has set off a storm in Italy, with the Catholic Church charging the move will encourage young people to have sex and Rome's mayor saying it sends the wrong message.

But the Keplero high school vowed Thursday to go ahead with its experiment, billed as the first in the capital. While it's a relative novelty for Italy, schools in several other European countries have installed the machines in hopes of curbing teen pregnancy and HIV.

"This is not about stimulating the use of condoms or intercourse," Antonio Panaccione, the school headmaster, told The Asso-

ciated Press. "On the contrary, it's about prevention and education."

The school plans to install six vending machines as part of educating students about sexuality and HIV protection. The price: €2 (\$2.80) for a pack of three, lower than market prices.

Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the pope's vicar for Rome, said the decision trivialized sex. He said it "cannot be approved by Rome's ecclesiastical community or by Christian families who are seriously concerned with the education of their children."

The newspaper of the Italian Bishops' Conference said Thursday that sex was being reduced to "mere physical exercise."

AIDS response

• Pope Benedict XVI drew criticism from European governments, international groups and scientists last year when he said distributing condoms was not the answer to Africa's AIDS problem. He said a moral attitude toward sex — abstinence and marital fidelity — would help fight the virus.

The newspaper, L'Avvenire, lamented that young people these days have no spiritual guidance on sexuality, and that educators are more concerned with "the health and hygiene consequences of sex" than its moral implications.

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News in brief

ISRAEL Vice-President Joe Biden attempted to soothe tensions with Israel on Thursday in a speech extolling the countries' close relationship,

signalling the U.S. wants to move beyond a diplomatic spat over settlements that tarnished his three-day visit. But the warm words, coming after an

Israeli move seen as a slap in the face to Biden, could exacerbate Palestinian feeling that the U.S. is unwilling to take Israel to task. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A British policeman guards a protester wearing a pig mask demonstrating against the parliamentarians' expenses scandal in London Thursday. Three Labour party MPs were in court facing charges of false accounting in relations to their expenses claims.

Sarkozy faces drubbing in regional vote

FRANCE Nicolas Sarkozy is looking politically lonely in his presidential palace.

Voters hit by France's worst recession since the Second World War are fearing for their jobs, and are worried and conflicted about how Islamic veils and immigrant culture fit in their nation today.

They get a chance to voice their frustration in an election starting Sunday that is likely to leave opposition Socialists in charge of nearly every regional government in

40% The landscape is already bleak for Sarkozy's conservative UMP party going into the vote. The president's approval ratings are below 40 per cent, and Socialists secured 20 of 22 regions on mainland France in the last elections in 2004.

France. The left is even dreaming of a "grand slam": control over all 26 regions.

The usually confident

Sarkozy, though he's not on the ballot, is likely to emerge the big loser in this vote, halfway through a presidential term he vowed would transform his country into an economic powerhouse.

Sarkozy "thought he could do anything at any moment, all the time, and he figured out that it is not true," said Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the leader of Europe Ecology, a green-minded party set to be the decisive third force in the elections. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Vienna Boys Choir members claim abuse: Newspaper

VIENNA A top Austrian newspaper cites two former members of the famed Vienna Boys Choir as saying they were sexually abused by their supervisors.

The Der Standard daily reported Thursday that the allegation was made by two unnamed members — both now adults.

One Austrian victim says

Choir scandal

• Another boys choir, Germany's Regensburger Domspatzen, has this week been at the centre of an abuse scandal. The choir was run by the pope's brother, Georg Ratzinger, for 30 years.

supervisors pressured him

to wash his genitals in the shower while they watched. Another says a choir master rested his hand on his thigh for two hours.

The Vienna Boys Choir is not church-affiliated, but many boys live in dormitories while singing away from their families.

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Greece Protests continue



Rioters clash with police during a protest against the Greek government's austerity plan in Athens on Thursday. More than 30,000 people have demonstrated during a nationwide strike.

Clash between Somali insurgents, troops kills dozens

MOGADISHU Heavy fighting between Somali insurgents and pro-government troops has killed at least 43 people over two days, as African Union peacekeepers used tanks to help the government beat back an insurgent attack, officials said Thursday.

Militants attacking from the north on Wednesday reached to within a mile of the presidential place in the heart of the capital, Mogadishu, before African Union peacekeepers in tanks reinforced government troops, residents said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Comment

Great minds think alike

Competition underway for airport redevelopment

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Ah, how depressing to find out that when you thought you were being brilliant, you were only covering ground others have already trodden.

That was the case for me when the city announced it would be launching an international competition for the redevelopment of the Municipal Airport. I suggested in this column that we do exactly that. As it turns out, I was late coming to this idea.

Once I saw the announcement, I did a little digging on the city's websites. My

investigation showed that in September 2009, the city released a document called an Update on the Phased Closure City Centre Airport and Development of Lands. How I missed the release of this document I do not know. But miss it I did.

Toward the end of that document is a discussion of creating an international design competition for an ecologically advanced, transit-oriented, medium- to high-density mixed-use development. It also contained a focus on a number of things that I had suggested in my column.

These included such things as environmental

sustainability, open space systems and integration of rapid transit. I have to applaud the city for this kind of thinking.

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The fact that the city's thinking mirrors my own may have something to do with that. However, I hope that it is illustrative of the truism that great minds think alike rather than fools seldom differ.

On another note entirely, we're all waiting to hear whether or not Stephen Mandel will run for mayor for a third time. There's an advantage to him in delaying his intentions. Beating an incumbent mayor is very difficult, and not many

people would choose to run against him.

Those that might won't announce until he has made his plans clear. As a result, it keeps them from being able to raise money and recruit supporters and volunteers. If Mandel announces late, he will pretty much have a clear field, save for the usual assortment of loonies that will run for anything no matter how little chance they have of winning.

We could help the mayor out in this regard. If you like him and want him to run again, send him an email encouraging him to do so. Of course, if you are in the opposite camp, you could send a different message. Either way, it might help him make up his mind sooner rather than later.

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TD Bank chief economist Don Drummond plans to retire at the end of June. The bank says Drummond will be succeeded by Craig Alexander, who is currently TD's deputy chief economist. Drummond will assist in the transition of Alexander into the role, and will continue to work as an adviser to TD Bank. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Student? File your taxes

Available credits make it worth the effort

Most students wouldn't place taxes at the top of their to-do list, when hammering out essays and cramming for exams demands pretty much their full attention.

But filing a tax return has its perks — even if the task seems daunting.

Students who have little or no income may wonder

Student credits

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- Transit pass

whether it's worthwhile to even file a return if they don't owe anything to the

tax man.

For one thing, at age 19 Canadians become eligible to collect a quarterly GST/HST credit, which lasts for however long they remain in a low tax bracket. But no cheques will come in the mail if the government doesn't have your tax information on hand. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Economy ready for growth: RBC

GDP A new forecast from RBC Economics says Canada's economy is poised for real GDP growth of 3.1 per cent this year and 3.9 per cent in 2011.

It says a peak in stimulus investment, improved credit markets and a recovery

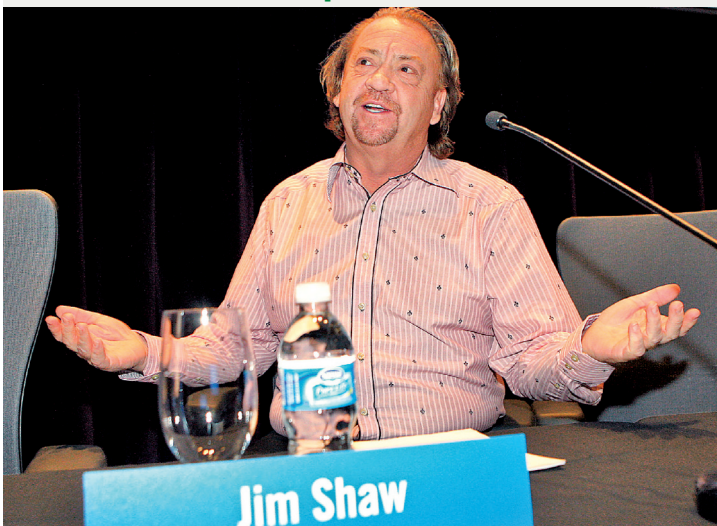
in consumer spending are fuelling the increase.

Chief economist Craig Wright says a recovery is "solidly taking root in Canada" also due to low interest rates and improved credit markets. He says strength in the housing market and

investment by the private sector should provoke additional economic growth.

RBC adds consumer spending is expected to expand next year by 2.8 per cent and business investment by more than seven per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Shaw Canwest bid in question



Jim Shaw, CEO of Shaw Communications, gestures before addressing the company's annual meeting in Calgary yesterday. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. is appealing a lower court's ruling that allowed Shaw to proceed with its bid to purchase a controlling interest in Canwest Global Communications Corp., alleging that the restructuring process has been "corrupted."

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MPs want answers from Transport Canada

TOYOTA Transport Canada came under fire from MPs yesterday over its handling of safety concerns with Toyota vehicles after disclosing that authorities had received 17 acceleration-related complaints before last fall's recall.

Department officials were called on the carpet by opposition MPs at a committee meeting to answer why they did not respond more quickly to the problems.

And one MP on the Commons transport committee accused the depart-

ment of having too cosy a relationship with Toyota Canada, noting it had applauded the automaker's efforts in issuing a recall last fall.

Since then, the world's No. 1 automaker has got a black eye over mounting concerns about the safety of its vehicles, resulting in a string of embarrassing admissions and recalls involving more than eight million vehicles worldwide.

Of those, some 270,000 have been recalled in Canada and more than four million in the United States

Transport officials defended their response and noted there had been no confirmed cases of fatalities in Canada.

"When we receive an acceleration problem, it does not necessarily mean that it is related to a sticky accelerator," said Gerard MacDonald, the Transport Department's associate deputy minister.

Officials said they were not aware of any complaints of a "sticky pedal" until Toyota informed the department in January it had received five.

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Business in brief

MARKETS Transat A.T. Inc. shares plunged yesterday after the Montreal-based vacation company, which operates Air Transat, reported its revenue last quarter was down nearly 10 per cent from a year earlier and revealed that its costs fell

less than expected. Transat's B shares (TSX:TRZ.B) were down \$5.28 to \$14.22 just before midday, a decline of more than 27 per cent, although they had been as low as \$14.26 earlier in the day.

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BMW says its net income fell 36 per cent last year

German carmaker BMW AG says its 2009 net income fell 36 per cent to €210 million (\$294 million) because of lower demand for its cars during the economic downturn as well as a higher tax rate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

business **13**Pink Floyd **Leave those tracks alone**

Pink Floyd's Dave Gilmore, from left, Roger Waters, Nick Mason and Rick Wright pose in this July 2005 photo. In a victory for the concept album, Britain's High Court on Thursday ordered record company EMI Group Ltd. to stop selling downloads of Pink Floyd tracks individually rather than as part of the band's original records. The rock group sued the music label, saying its contract prohibited selling the tracks "unbundled" from their original album setting.

U.S. taxpayers on hook for \$6.3B?

AUTOS The U.S. Treasury Department sank billions into auto finance giant GMAC Inc. without an exit strategy or proof the company was viable — a decision that could cost U.S. taxpayers \$6.3 billion U.S. a new watchdog report says.

The government said the \$17.2 billion bailout was a necessary step to save Gen-

eral Motors and Chrysler. GMAC provides critical financing to auto dealers, who borrow to finance their fleets until the cars can be sold to consumers.

Yet GMAC faced far fewer conditions than the bailed-out automakers, the report says. When the automakers were rescued, they were forced into bankrupt-

cy. Shareholders lost their investments, creditors took a hit and executives were forced to detail plans for making the companies viable. GMAC was treated more like banks that received bailouts without having to explain what they were doing with the money, the report says.

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Business in brief

FORECLOSURES The U.S. foreclosure crisis isn't over, but the pace of growth may finally be slowing down. RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday that the number of U.S. households facing foreclosure in February grew six per cent from a year ago, the smallest annual increase in four years. More than 308,000 households, or one in every 418 homes, received a foreclosure-related notice, the Irvine, Calif.-based foreclosure listings company reported — down more than two per cent from January. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Housing prices rise for third straight month: StatsCan

HOUSES The New Housing Price Index rose 0.4 per cent for the third straight month in January.

Statistics Canada reports St. John's, N.L., led the way at 1.7 per cent growth, followed by Winnipeg (0.7), and Toronto and Oshawa (0.6).

Ottawa—Gatineau, Saskatoon and Calgary all registered 0.5 per cent increases.

The largest monthly de-

crease in new housing prices was recorded in St. Catharines—Niagara, at a 0.4 per cent drop.

Charlottetown as well as in Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton, N.B., all registered 0.2 per cent declines.

Year over year, the New Housing Price Index was up 0.1 per cent in January, the first year-over-year increase since December 2008. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sony targets Nintendo

Unveils motion controller

Sony has a new message for Nintendo Wii gamers: Come join us.

The Japanese maker of the PlayStation 3 unveiled Thursday its highly anticipated motion controlling system, as it takes aim at Nintendo's dominance in the gaming sector. With the PlayStation Move, Sony hopes to lure gamers who have outgrown Nintendo, which launched the Wii in 2006 and became the first to introduce motion-detecting controllers.

Peter Dille, senior vice-president of marketing for Sony Computer Entertainment, credited Nintendo for "introducing motion gaming to the masses."

Now it's time for them to graduate to the PlayStation, which offers a new

Others in game

- Major game publishers such as Activision Blizzard Inc., Electronic Arts Inc. and Square Enix are developing Move-compatible games.

experience for both casual and hard-core gamers, he said at a press conference in San Francisco.

Used with the existing PlayStation Eye camera, Sony's new wireless motion controller can track players' body movements. The controller, in turn, has on its end a light-emitting orb that is recognized by the camera.

The PlayStation Move will go on sale this fall. A starter bundle will retail for under \$100, Dille said.

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Trade surplus grows, says StatsCan

ECONOMY Canada's merchandise exports grew 0.5 per cent in January, while imports declined 1.7 per cent. As a result, Statistics Canada reports the country posted a trade surplus with the world of \$799 million in January compared with a surplus of \$75 million in December.

Exports increased to \$33 billion from \$32.9 billion in December, as prices rose 0.8 per cent and volumes fell 0.3.

Although exports have been increasing for five straight months, the pace of growth slowed in January as declines in automotive products and machinery and equipment nearly offset gains in industrial goods and materials, and other consumer goods.

After two months of increases, imports declined to \$32.2 billion from \$32.8 billion in December.

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Ontario survived a scare against Alberta to emerge undefeated from the round robin portion of the Tim Hortons Brier on Thursday night, holding on for a 7-6 win to preserve its momentum heading into the playoffs this weekend. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports



Football legend dies

Hall of Famer Merlin Olsen, who helped form one of the NFL's greatest defensive lines before embarking on a successful career in television, died Thursday after a battle with cancer. He was 69. Olsen, left, was a member of the Los Angeles Rams' "Fearsome Foursome" in the 1960s. He later starred on NFL broadcasts, commercials, and as Jonathan Garvey on the TV series Little House on the Prairie. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Oilers make Habs work for win

NHL RESULTS

Oilers 4 Canadiens 5 (SO)



The Montreal Canadiens survived a scare from the

NHL's worst team on Thursday night.

The Canadiens needed a huge save from Jaroslav Halak on Shawn Horcoff in overtime and Andrei Kostitsyn's goal in the fifth round of the shootout for a 5-4 win over the lowly Edmonton Oilers.

Kostitsyn was the only Canadien to score on Oilers netminder Devan Dubnyk in the shootout, who got most of the shot but saw it trickle into the net. Dubnyk just missed recording his first NHL win and is now 0-7-2 in his rookie season.

"I'm getting closer and closer," the 23-year-old Dubnyk said of that elusive first win. "I thought we had the win for sure."

Robert Nilsson, Sam Gagner, Andrew Coglian and Shawn Horcoff scored for the Oilers (21-29-7).

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Montreal Canadien Travis Moen scores the third goal against Edmonton Oilers goaltender Devan Dubnyk on Thursday.

Whitney leaves game with knee injury

Welcome to the Edmonton Oilers, Ryan Whitney.

Playing in only his fourth game as an Oiler on Thursday since being acquired from Anaheim at the trade deadline, Whitney took an Andrei Markov wrist shot off the right knee late in the second period of Edmonton's game against Montreal and hobbled off the ice.

He did not return to the Oilers' 5-4 shootout loss to the Canadiens, adding his name to a voluminous Ed-

monton injury list that already includes fellow defencemen Sheldon Souray and Ladislav Smid.

The Oilers have lost a staggering 386 man games to injury, which may be why head coach Pat Quinn was able to make light of seeing Whitney go down as well.

"I don't know the extent of it right now, he is being X-rayed so we'll see what the results are," Quinn said.

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Field of Play

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When first considering a voyage to South Africa, the host country of the 2010 FI-FA World Cup, it was not without trepidation.

Crime, poverty and fear had an impact on what has always been a narrow appreciation of sport. South Africa, and Johannesburg in particular, present new waters to navigate. They also force an acceptance that most barriers can be broken down on the Earth's fields of play.

At the spectacular Soccer City stadium in Soweto, once the scene of so much strife in a racially divided country, there is now a palpable feeling that those days may be extinct. They just might be replaced by the pride that the black majority will feel when 89,000 plus gather in the sparkling new monument to a beloved game.

When Mexico and South Africa open the World Cup in early June they will do so just down the street from the dilapidated metal shacks and the memories of apartheid. The scars of a wounded society remain. Most of the people here can't afford a ticket — they can't even dream of it.

Still, they are determined to be gracious and willing hosts.

"We have seen those stars, Ronaldo of Portugal, Rooney of England and Torres of Spain, but only playing on TV," says Harold Moyo, a worker at the Soccer City stadium. "But this is special because it's the only time we will see them playing live and on our home soil and we are very proud of it."

At a Soweto primary school where most of the 420 students are orphans, the kids who battle back and forth with a ragged football shout the names of South African stars like Teko Modise and Steven Pienaar. But they also joyously identify international icons such as Lionel Messi of Argentina, Thierry Henry of France and Kaka, the brilliant, Brazilian midfielder.

Such is the universal recognition that the World Cup in Africa is a good thing, not just for sport, but also for human beings who are devoted to the "Beautiful Game."

"These are our country's most disadvantaged children," says Makhotso Samba, the school's principal. "But in the World Cup and the players who come, they will see that maybe there is something better in their future if they work hard."

In Soweto, it seems, there's not a lot to fear. Instead, hope springs eternal in what is, for now, the world's most important soccer city.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Woods back for Masters?

GOLF Tiger Woods intends to remain out of golf at least until the Masters, two people with knowledge of his plans have told The Associated Press.

Woods has been practising at Isleworth near his Orlando home the last two weeks, and swing coach Hank Haney flew there during the weekend to work with him. That led to speculation Thursday he was close to playing again.

The two people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because only Woods is supposed to release such information, say

he is likely to play first at Augusta National in April. The only other time Woods played a major after such a long layoff was the 2006 U.S. Open at Winged Foot, when he was out nine weeks coping with his father's death. That's where he missed the cut for the first time at a major.

Woods has not played since Nov. 15, when he won the Australian Masters in Melbourne. Twelve days later, he crashed his SUV into a tree, setting off revelations that he had been cheating on his wife.

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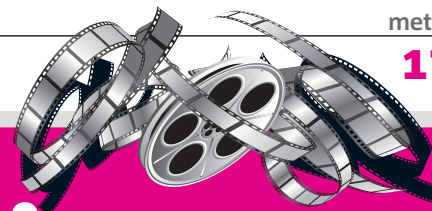
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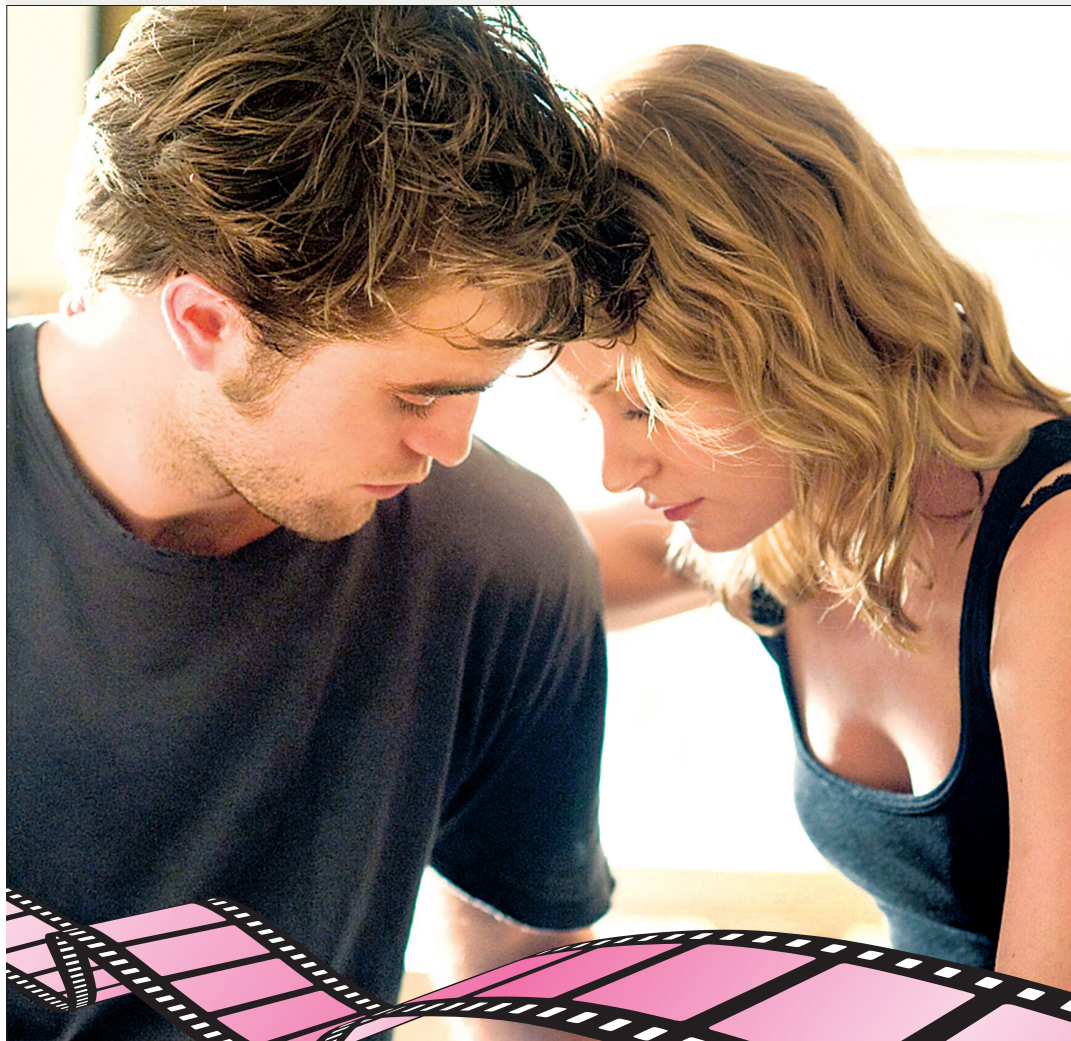
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The less said about Robert Pattinson and Emile de Ravin latest film, the better, according to our reviewer.

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Remember acting, not twist

Remember Me

Director: Allen Coulter
Stars: Robert Pattinson, Pierce Brosnan, Emilie de Ravin
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

NED EHRBAR
 Metro World News

The new Robert Pattinson vehicle, *Remember Me*, is basically *Ordinary People* updated for the Death Cab for Cutie set, with a big "twist" ending that some will see coming from the first 10 minutes.

The problem is the twist adds nothing to the characters or story, really, and comes off feeling like a cheap gotcha move. The less said about it, the better.

On the other hand, perhaps the best thing about the movie is that watching it, all the hype about Twilight hunk Pattinson finally makes sense, since he's



Robert Pattinson and Emilie de Ravin turn up the romantic heat in *Remember Me*.

finally been given something to do besides mope and sparkle.

He stars as college student Tyler Hawkins, the now-oldest child of a rich

New York City family fractured by tragedy.

Some might find his performance a little overdone in spots, but it perfectly captures the emo-

tional confusion of that age.

Under somewhat false pretenses, he starts dating fellow student Ally (Emilie de Ravin), also from a fam-

ily fractured by tragedy, though much lower down the financial totem pole.

The film is as much de Ravin's as it is Pattinson's, and she is lovely.

On the web

Total Eclipse of the heart:

• Can't get enough of Robert Pattinson, or shall we say, Edward Cullen? Watch the brand new trailer of *Eclipse*, the third instalment of the *Twilight* Saga, at metronews.ca/movies
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Pierce Brosnan, Chris Cooper and Lena Olin turn in strong supporting performances as the parents of the young lovers. The course of Tyler and Ally's relationship — and how they help each other heal their respective families' wounds — is nicely told and affecting.

It's just a shame the filmmakers couldn't leave it at that.

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Canadian actor Jay Baruchel and Alice Eve star in *She's Out Of My League*.

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She's Out Of My League

Director: Jim Field Smith
Stars: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW Every now and again you witness a guy dating a woman who is far too gorgeous for him and you ponder, "why would she be with that dude?"

Now first-time director Jim Field Smith aims to answer that very conundrum with his better-than-it-looks comedy, *She's Out Of My League*.

Starring Montreal's Jay

Baruchel in his first big-budget leading role, the *Knocked Up* scene-stealer capitalizes on his lanky structure and geeky demeanour as Kirk, a humble airport employee who reluctantly meets a blonde beauty (Alice Eve) when she leaves her iPhone at airport security.

However, even though a natural attraction develops between the pair, Kirk and his misguided slacker buddies nay-say the seduction into submission, saddled mostly by Kirk's ultimate disbelief that he could land a "hard 10."

A familiar storyline that could've easily been forgettable, Smith smartly aims for the heart but goes for the groin by punctuating a formulaic film with seat-squirming indecency.

Following the similar gross-out style mastered by the Farrelly Brothers, the most memorable moments of *League* come courtesy of excruciating sequences involving guys' genital grooming and premature ejaculation.

If you can look beyond that level of vulgarity, this comedy reveals its true humanity — a kind-hearted look at earnest love in spite of all its insecurities.

Which is what makes this a perfect launch pad for its star. With an awkward sensitivity, Baruchel expertly captures the loser that hides within all of us with a subtlety that's truly believable amongst the mayhem.

Besides, if he can land a "hard 10," there's hope for the rest of us!

The Hurt locker back

Following its explosive Oscar night, *The Hurt Locker* returns to theatres across Canada today. The war drama picked up six Academy awards, including best film and best director, Sunday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Politics, action don't gel in *Zone*

Green Zone**Director:** Paul Greengrass**Stars:** Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear, Amy Ryan**Classification:** 14A**Rating:** ****

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Green Zone is a curious new creation by the *Bourne Ultimatum* actor/director team of Matt Damon and Paul Greengrass.

The film wants to be both a complicated drama about the questionable motives behind the U.S. invasion of Iraq and a relentless action thriller.

Each element is done well in isolated sequences, but

they are awkwardly shoe-horned together into a two-hour running time that can barely contain all of the ideas and explosions.

Had the filmmakers focused on making either an intimate political drama or a popcorn action flick, this could have been an excellent film. Instead it's merely a muddled, but interesting movie that should have been more.

Damon stars in action hero mode as a soldier whose missions to discover WMDs keep turning up empty despite constant casualties on both sides.

He tries to uncover the truth and learns that all of the intelligence reports are coming from questionable sources, the CIA doesn't seem to know what's going

on, and a high profile American journalist is writing articles about an informant in Iraq who might not exist.

It's a big complicated mess, not unlike what really happened in Iraq.

But with consistent action beats coming every 15-20 minutes, it can be frustrating to slingshot from confusion to stylized battles.

The actors are well cast and the production is expertly executed, but something about the balance just doesn't seem right and it quickly becomes distracting.

Part of this comes down to director Greengrass who creates films with an inordinate emphasis on realism.

Green Zone is shot with



Matt Damon returns to action-hero mode in *Green Zone*.

an endlessly shaking documentary-style camera and features an incredibly detailed production design that puts the audience in the heart of the battle.

But the plot is laid in such

a conventional matter that it will often take viewers out of the immersive experience.

So much of *Green Zone* is done well that it's an impossible movie to hate, but it

doesn't add up to more than a sum of its impressive parts.

• For a *Green Zone* trailer, screen times and photos — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

What's with the *Viagra*?

Our Family Wedding**Director:** Rick Famuyiwa**Stars:** America Ferrera, Lance Gross**Classification:** PG**Rating:** ****

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

REVIEW In his new culture-clash comedy, *Our Family Wedding*, director Rick Famuyiwa tries to get beyond racial clichés by reveling in them. This, unfortunately, doesn't work at all.

Instead he presents an all-over-the-place muddle with a tone as mismatched as the cast, jumping between maudlin family moments and cheap gags involving *Viagra* and a goat.

The wedding of the title is between med school graduate Marcus (Lance Gross) and Lucia (America Ferrera), who've come back to Los Angeles to tell their families that they're dating, they're engaged and they're getting married in three weeks before Marcus heads off to work for *Doctors Without Borders* with Lucia in tow.

Oh, and Lucia has dropped out of law school. The audience is supposed to sympathize with the bland but likeable leads, but it's tough not to take the side of the shocked parents when bombshells are dropped in succession like that.



America Ferrera and Lance Gross star in *Our Family Wedding*.

Their fathers (Forrest Whitaker and Carlos Mencia in one of the most unlikely and unsuccessful comedy pairings) butt heads

as the families rally to put together a wedding that mixes both cultures, and it's really all downhill from there, culminating in the aforementioned goat — hopped up on *Viagra* — sexually assaulting an Acade-

my Award-winning actor.

It's unclear what Whitaker is doing here, especially when he's matched with Mencia, whose attempts at serious acting make it seem like his character is autistic.

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Cattrall takes on political thriller

Sex and the City actress teams up with famed director Polanski for The Ghost Writer

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Ottawa

While she may be a star of one of those most well-known and successful franchises in TV and film history, *Sex and the City* star Kim Cattrall was still more than a little starstruck at the prospect of working for director Roman Polanski in his latest film, *The Ghost Writer*.

"It's unbelievable," she says, speaking to Metro by phone from London, where she's starring in Noel Coward's *Private Lives* in the West End. "My agent called me and said, 'Roman wants to talk to you.' I was like, 'What? Roman Polanski is going to call me. OK.'"

The stage and screen veteran found

the equally celebrated and scandal-prone director charming. "He's incredibly witty

The Ghost Writer comes out next Friday



Kim Cattrall plays Amelia Bly, the personal secretary to former British Prime Minister Adam Lang, in *The Ghost Writer*.

and funny," she says. "He's got a cheeky sense of humour. He's also tough. Sometimes he seems impossible to please. But he's a perfectionist, and perfectionists can drive you insane, but they can also inspire you to work in-

credibly hard."

Cattrall insists she didn't mind Polanski's taskmaster tendencies. "The stakes were high all the time. We would shoot some scenes initially in 40 minutes. If we didn't get it in 40 minutes within five or six takes, we weren't going to

get the scene," she remembers. "It literally was like a machine, and he was the leader of it. It felt sometimes like going into battle, and he was our leader."

In *The Ghost Writer* — in theatres Friday — Cattrall plays Amelia Bly, the inscrutable personal secre-

tary to former British Prime Minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan). To prepare for the part, Cattrall went right to the source.

"I contacted someone in Gordon Brown's administration who'd basically done that," Cattrall says. "She was really helpful in

"(Roman Polanski is) a perfectionist, and perfectionists can drive you insane, but they can also inspire you to work incredibly hard."

Kim Cattrall, actress

delving into Amelia Bly. This is a woman who really didn't have a personal life. Her life is Lang. She really is the wife. She sets everything in motion. Nothing moves without her."

And though she enjoys dramatic work such as *The Ghost Writer*, Cattrall says she's reveling in returning to comedy, both onstage in London and later this year in *Sex and the City 2* — though the theater has a distinct advantage.

"It's great to make people laugh. I did it on *Sex and the City*, but I didn't ever get to hear the laughter because it's on a DVD or TV, she insists. "But what's great about this show is it's instant. I love being in front of a live audience."

Brosnan's more than just Mr. Bond

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Pierce Brosnan may have never received the credit he deserves, but that might change with his role in *The Ghost Writer*.

Pierce Brosnan has never been nominated for an Oscar. He has a couple Golden Globe nods to his credit and an MTV Movie Best Fight Award statuette on his shelf, but so far the heavy gold has evaded him.

Perhaps because of his dapper good looks he doesn't get spoken about in the same breath as Colin Firth or Morgan Freeman. Perhaps a resume dotted with films like Dante's Peak knocks him down a peg or two in the Academy's opinion.

Or maybe it's his predilection for doing shamelessly populist fare like *Mama Mia* and this weekend's *Remember Me* (co-starring as Robert Pattinson's father)

that keeps him from being taken as seriously as say, George Clooney, another genetically blessed actor, who, like Brosnan, got his big break on television.

He could have been nominated for his work in *The Matador*, a little seen, but critically lauded film from 2005. In it Brosnan plays Julian Noble a jaded hit man, or "facilitator of fatalities" who finds a confidant in a struggling businessman, played by Greg Kinnear.

Brosnan's performance as Julian, the hit man who develops confidence prob-

lems, is a revelation. We have seen Brosnan as the slickly comic private eye Remington Steele on television, the sophisticated James Bond and even as the suave jewel thief in *The Thomas Crown Affair* but until now we have never seen him in Beatle boots and a Speedo traipsing across a hotel lobby.

His Julian is a manic creation — amoral, rude and unlike Bond, the character that has defined his career for the last decade, unshaven. With this one performance Brosnan entered

a new phase in his career, effortlessly leaving the urbane Bond behind.

Maybe next year he'll finally get the recognition he deserves when the Academy gets a load of his work in *The Ghost Writer*. As ex-prime minister Adam Lang he embodies the role, like he was born for photo ops in front of private jets, waving to his constituents.

It's good work that effectively erased the image of him as a half man / half horse in the recent film *Percy Jackson* and the Olympians.

Despite the odd misstep, he is an interesting actor who deserves more respect than he gets.

If the movie gods can allow Mon'ique to go from co-starring in *Beerfest* to winning a Best Supporting Actress Oscar, surely they can ignore Brosnan's silly beard in an ill conceived *Robinson Crusoe* remake or the non-thrilling thriller *Live Wire* and finally give him his due.

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Music

Labour of Love

Hole frontwoman dishes on colourful past

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Alan Cross

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Courtney Love wants to talk. And she does — for almost two hours.

The occasion is the release of *Skinny Little B—*, the solid first single from *Nobody's Daughter*, the first Hole album since 1998's *Celebrity Skin*.

"The disaster record (her 2004 solo album, *America's Sweetheart*) didn't count any more than Mick Jagger should count *She's the Boss* (his 1985 solo bomb)."

Over the course of our conversation, which included countless stream-of-consciousness detours, unexpected tangents, name-drops and revelations, I learned the following:

- After a stint as a stripper in Japan in the early '80s, Courtney had designs on being a record producer. She dropped into Windmill Lane studios in Dublin to drop off a resume ended up working with U2 on Octo-

ber for five days "before I was fired." She didn't mention why.

- She almost had Mariah Carey sing back-up on *Nobody's Daughter*, which would have required her to sing some interesting profanities. Sadly, it wasn't meant to be.

- Courtney didn't write a song for almost four years because she had become far too comfortable in her Beverly Hills home, but then she was hit with her own financial crisis. "Frances (her daughter) getting me out of L.A. was really good because I wasn't leaving the house. We had some very scary

times. They froze my bank account. I had 120 bucks. I've been poor before — but maybe it's good with checking in to be poor because then you get hungry again." She sought out Duff McKagan (Guns 'N Roses, *Velvet Revolver*) for financial advice because he has an MBA and writes a financial column.

- Both she and husband Kurt Cobain disagreed on the choice of *Smells Like Teen Spirit* as the first single from *Nevermind*. They both wanted *In Bloom* while the record company initially wanted *Lithium*.

- Courtney is pressing ahead with the bio-pic on Kurt called *Heavier Than Heaven*. She knows who has been cast in the lead roles but she won't say any more than that.

- She also has an idea for a Lollapalooza-like festival and is currently trying to enlist support from her circle of celebrity friends.

There's more — some of which you can hear for yourself at explore-music.com — but it's going to take me a while to sort through the rest of the interview. *Nobody's Daughter* will finally be released April 27.

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Nobody's Daughter, the first album from Hole in 12 years, will be out on April 27.

A new Hendrix experience

Jimi Hendrix

Album: *Valleys of Neptune*

Label: Sony Music

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

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DON'T GET FOOLED by the hype. *Valleys of Neptune* is not the Hendrix holy grail. Not even close. While it is several notches above previous posthumous releases (First Rays of the Rising Sun excluded), *Valleys of Neptune* remains a compendium of outtakes and warm-up tracks. There is little here that approaches the genius so evident in the albums released during Hendrix's



all-too short life. The majority of these 12 studio tracks were recorded in the spring of 1969. It was a turbulent time for the Jimi Hendrix Experience. Bassist Noel Redding left part way through, replaced by Billy Cox.

Eddie Kramer, original soundman the Hendrix originals, has lovingly remastered the recordings, but still the magic isn't there.

There are three reworkings of songs dating from 1967's *Are You Experienced* — *Stone Free*, *Fire* and *Red House*. It's hard to imagine Hendrix, ever wanting them released. There is also Hendrix's instrumental take on the Cream hit *Sunshine of Your Love*. Fans would like to point to this as proof Hendrix was better than

Eric Clapton. There's no knockout punch here, though.

The fiery solos on the blues tracks *Hear My Train A Comin'* and *Ships Passing Through the Night* are the only real standouts.

Better news for Hendrix fans is Sony's release this week of remastered versions of the guitar wizard's core catalogue — *Are You Experienced*, *Axis: Bold as Love*, *Electric Ladyland*, *Band of Gypsies* and the posthumous *First Rays of the Rising Sun*. With new liner notes and accompanying DVDs detailing the process each record was made, these repackaged works are must haves for Hendrix fans.

If you still have a hunger for Hendrix, then — and only then — go out and buy *Valleys of Neptune*.

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Television

Conan to tour North America

Without a TV show to do every night, Conan O'Brien is taking his act on the road. And he's stopping in Canada.

The former Tonight Show host announced a 30-city theatre tour on Thursday. Sidekick Andy Richter and the former Tonight Show band will join O'Brien for what he calls "a night of music, comedy, hugging and the occasional awkward silence."

The tour, called The

Legally Prohibited from Being Funny on Television Tour, begins April 12 in Eugene, Ore., and he's in Vancouver the next two nights. He's in Enoch, Alta., on April 17 and Toronto on May 22.

O'Brien quipped: "It was either a massive 30-city tour or start helping out around the house."



Conan O'Brien

O'Brien quit The Tonight Show in January instead of taking NBC's offer to move his start time back by a half-hour. Jay Leno is back in his old slot. O'Brien hasn't announced any future television plans.

The cheapest ticket in Toronto and Vancouver is \$58.13 after fees and go as high as

\$103.13. A special "hot seat" ticket \$262.63.

Prices are more expensive at the Enoch show, at the River Cree Resort & Casino, with regular tickets ranging from \$97.50 to \$137.50 after fees. A special meet and greet with O'Brien goes for \$695 per person.

For a complete list of tour dates and ticket information visit teamco.co.com.

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	16 KAYU	- 373	The Office	Raymond	TwoHalf Men	House 'Epic Fail'	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	News				
	22 KSPS	- 374	PBS NewsHour (N)	Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	Chet Atkins: Certified Guitar Player					
	15 CBCN	502 -	CBC News: The National	Love, Hate and Propaganda	CTV News	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Love, Hate				
	54 CTYN	501 391	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News				
	20 TSN	400 400	Curling	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Motorcycle				
	23 net	408 418	Skiing FIS Alpine	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Hockey Central	Flames Week	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Ult. Fighter				
	47 SPEED	417 406	Race in 60 "Las Vegas"	Race in 60 (HDTV)	Pass Time	What's Deal?	NASCAR	NASCAR				
	94 SCORE	410 403	(6) WWE SmackDown!	College Basketball: ACC Tournament	Score Rewind	Score Rewind	WWE SmackDown!	Mobil The Grid				
	14 YTV	552 543	iCarly	To Be Indie	Sydney White ** (2007, Comedy)	Amanda Byrnes, Matt Long.	That's-Weird	Frank Patrol				
	17 TREE	553 546	Franklin	Bucket-Dinos	Little Bear	Toopy & Binoo	Max & Ruby	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!	
	45 FAM	557 541	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Han, Montana	Motorcrossed (2001, Adventure)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds			
	25 A&E	615 520	Criminal Minds	HDTV	Criminal Minds	Diners, Drive, Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay		
	29 FOOD	603 561	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Machines of Malice	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild "Pacific Island"	Man vs. Wild "Pacific Island"	Dirty Jobs			
	32 DISC	520 505	Man vs. Wild "Pacific Island"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	UFC Primetime	GameTrailers	MANswers			
	38 SPIKE	628 584	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	(6) Pale Rider *** (1985, Western)	Kelly's Heroes *** (1970, War)	Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Don Rickles.	Extra	Dr. Oz Show				
	39 AMC	-	Sanctuary (DVS)	Caprica (N)	InnerSpace (N)	Species *** (1995, Science Fiction)	Ben Kingsley.					
	43 SPACE	627 528	The View (HDTV) (N)	TMZ	etalk	Access H.	Five Fingers (2006)					
	50 STAR	621 56	Center Stage: Turn It Up (2008, Drama)	(8:45) Choke ** (2008, Comedy-Drama)								
	161 SUPER											

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3/3/10	2 CFRN	239 318	W5 (N) (DVS)	Law and Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order
prime	3 KHQ	- 370	KHO-News 6	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey
time	4 CBXT	- 307	NHL Hockey	Sabrina-Anim.	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy
	6 KREM	- 372	what's cooking	Most Amazing	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)
	7 CKEM	241 347	what's cooking	Most Amazing	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)
	8 CITY	240 339	Jane Show	renewadepress	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)	You Belong to Me (2008, Suspense)
	13 KKLY	- 371	4 News at 6	Time Life	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight
	16 KAYU	- 373	House "Wilson's Heart"	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men
	22 KSPS	- 374	The Week Stars: Through the Years	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"	House "Wilson's Heart"
	15 CBCN	502 -	National	Mansbridge	World's Oldest Moms	World's Oldest Moms	World's Oldest Moms	World's Oldest Moms	World's Oldest Moms	World's Oldest Moms	World's Oldest Moms	World's Oldest Moms
	54 CTYN	501 391	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
	20 TSN	400 400	Curling	SportsCentre	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball
	23 net	408 418	English Premier League Soccer	Teams TBA.	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air
	47 SPEED	417 406	(5:30) AMA Supercross Special "Toronto"	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air	Off Air
	94 SCORE	410 403	Score Now	Footy Show	Hockey Saturday	Hockey Saturday	Hockey Saturday	Hockey Saturday	Hockey Saturday	Hockey Saturday	Hockey Saturday	Hockey Saturday
	14 YTV	552 543	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Amer. Funniest Home Videos
	17 TREE	553 546	Bucket-Dinos	Toopy & Binoo	Maggie-Beast	Waybuloo	Little Bear	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!	
	45 FAM	557 541	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	SuiteDeck	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Free Willy *** (1993, Drama)	Free Willy *** (1993, Drama)	Free Willy *** (1993, Drama)	Free Willy *** (1993, Drama)
	25 A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)
	29 FOOD	603 561	Chopped	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters	Top Chef Masters
	32 DISC	520 505	Dirty Jobs "Worm Grunter"	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)	Vermintars (N)
	38 SPIKE	628 584	Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith *** (2005, Science Fiction)	Mystery Men ** (1999, Fantasy)	Hank Azaria, Janeane Garofalo.	Curse of Fly	Curse of Fly	Curse of Fly	Curse of Fly	Curse of Fly	Curse of Fly	Curse of Fly
	39 AMC	-	(6) Stargate (1994, Science Fiction)	The Chronicles of Riddick ** (2004, Science Fiction)	Vin Diesel.	(9:45) Supernova * (2000, Science Fiction)	American Stag					
	43 SPACE	627 528	100 Sexiest Stars	Surveillance *** (2008, Suspense)	(8:45) The Walker (2007, Drama)	Woody Harrison.	(10:45) Stuck (2007)					
	50 STAR	621 56	161 SUPER									

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3/14/10	2 CFRN	239 318	Human Target "Baptiste"	Cold Case "One Fall" (N)	The Amazing Race 16	The Amazing Race 16	The Amazing Race 16	The Amazing Race 16	The Amazing Race 16	The Amazing Race 16	The Amazing Race 16	The Amazing Race 16
prime	3 KHQ	- 370	KHO-News 6	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	Minute to Win It (N)
time	4 CBXT	- 307	Heartland (N) (DVS)	Abroad (2010, Romance-Comedy)	Liane Balaban.	Liane Balaban.	Liane Balaban.	Liane Balaban.	Liane Balaban.	Liane Balaban.	Liane Balaban.	Liane Balaban.
	6 KREM	- 372	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home
	7 CKEM	241 347	Murdoch Mysteries	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home
	8 CITY	240 339	The Celebrity Apprentice	Each team must run a diner.	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
	13 KKLY	- 371	News	Cougar Basket	Toot & Puddle	Callou	Waybuloo	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!	
	16 KAYU	- 373	House "Wilson's Heart"	Til Death	Til Death	Til Death	Til Death	Til Death	Til Death	Til Death	Til Death	Til Death
	22 KSPS	- 374	Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.	Celtic Woman: Songs From the Heart (HDTV) Music.
	15 CBCN	502 -	CBC News: The National	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)	Thriller in Manila *** (2008, Documentary)
	54 CTYN	501 391	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
	20 TSN	400 400	(5) Curling 2010 Tim Hortons Brier, Final.	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)
	23 net	408 418	QMJHL Hockey	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks. (HDTV) (Live)
	47 SPEED	417 406	Wind Tunnel With D. Despain	Fast Track to Fame (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)	Bullrun (HDTV)
	94 SCORE	410 403	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live)	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now
	14 YTV	552 543	Stardust *** (2007, Fantasy)	Claire Danes, Charlie Cox, Robert De Niro. Premiere.	Fries That?	Fries That?	Fries That?	Fries That?	Fries That?	Fries That?	Fries That?	Fries That?
	17 TREE	553 546	Friend Rabbit	Miss Spider	SuiteDeck	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Magic in the Water *** (1995, Fantasy)	Magic in the Water *** (1995, Fantasy)	Magic in the Water *** (1995, Fantasy)	Magic in the Water *** (1995, Fantasy)
	45 FAM	557 541	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars
	25 A&E	615 520	Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Dinner: Impossible	Anthony Bourdain	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage
	29 FOOD	603 561	Iron Chef America	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)	Clash of the Dinosaurs (N)
	32 DISC	520 505	Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith *** (2005, Science Fiction)	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage
	38 SPIKE	628 584	Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith *** (2005, Science Fiction)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)	The Devil's Brigade *** (1968, War)
	39 AMC	-	(6) The Four Feathers *** (2002, Adventure)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)	True Blood (N)
	43 SPACE	627 528	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)	Look-A-Like	Sex Matters	Sex Matters	Sex Matters	Sex Matters	Sex Matters	Sex Matters	Sex Matters	Sex Matters
	50 STAR	621 56	Hollywood Sugar Mamas	Girl Next Door	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life	Simple Life
	161 SUPER		Men of a Certain Age	The Closer (HDTV)	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"	Sons of Anarchy "Balm"

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Mattel is planning versions of Barbie and Ken modeled after Mad Men's Joan, Roger, Don, and Betty. If you can afford one of the 7,000 to 10,000 copies — they're \$74.95 US each! — it will surely be your "statement doll." **EW.COM**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now



1 The Pacific

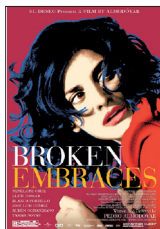
TV Tom Hanks' newest look at the Second World War focuses on the Pacific theatre, following the real life experiences of three U.S. Marines. The 10-part series cost \$200 million US to make, and premieres on HBO Canada on Sunday.

2 '80s Nostalgia

POP CULTURE How could you not be feeling a little nostalgic this week with the John Hughes' memorial at the Academy Awards last Sunday — including the much-tweeted appearance of Judd Nelson — followed by the tragic death of Corey Haim on Wednesday. Head to the video store this weekend and rent a copy of *The Lost Boys*, *Sixteen Candles* or *Say Anything* — or, dig out those old Betamax and VHS tapes from the basement.

3 Broken Embraces

DVD Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar and his muse actress Penelope Cruz reunited last year for the drama *Broken Embraces* (*Los abrazos rotos*) — garnering critical acclaim and a number of award nominations. Now, the DVD is set to hit store shelves on Tuesday.



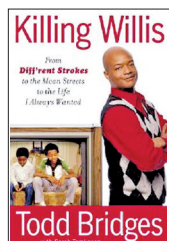
4 Starbucks Via

FOOD Starbucks unveiled its line of ready brew coffees last year, and now it's going decaf. This week, the coffee chain premiered its Starbucks VIA Ready Brew Decaffeinated Italian Roast, giving you an in-store coffee taste, but with less jitters.



5 Killing Willis

BOOKS With all their problems over the years, it would appear that child stars on *Diff'rent Strokes* are cursed. Now, Todd Bridges is weighing in on the theory with *Killing Willis: From Diff'rent Strokes to the Mean Streets to the Life I Always Wanted*, chronicling his fall from teen idol to tabloid joke. It is in stores on Tuesday.



6 The Hurt Locker

THEATRE You may have missed *The Hurt Locker* when it played in theatres the first time, but now that it won the Academy Award for Best Picture — and garnered Kathryn Bigelow the first ever Oscar for a female director — the film is heading back to the big screen.

7 Quarantine The Past: Greatest Hits by Pavement

ALBUM Now that '90s indie stalwarts Pavement are touring again — they will be heading northwards this summer for a concert in Toronto — there is no excuse to be oblivious of their influence. This new compilation is a good place to fall in love with Stephen Malkmus and co. and their best slacker-friendly tunes — *Gold Soundz*, *Cut Your Hair*, *Shady Lane*, it's all here.



Mix of Six

Illuminations

When: Friday, noon-9:30 p.m., Saturday, 2-9:30 p.m.
Where: Edmonton Ski Club, 9613 - 96 Avenue
Bright lights, projections and freestyle performances at the Edmonton Ski Club Friday.

St. Paddy's Day Party

When: Sunday
Where: John Janzen Nature Centre

Do a jig along with the roving minstrels playing Irish tunes or search for clues to find the "pot o' gold." Experience hands-on fun in the sound garden or make your own leprechaun using household items. Have your face painted, visit with Shawna the Leprechaun and meet all the green animals who live at the Nature Centre.

ECMS Presents Imani Winds

When: Sunday
Where: University of Alberta, 114 St & 89 Ave Edmonton AB
Founded in 1997, this young and vibrant wind

quintet's music revitalizes the senses.

The Druid Comedy Night hosted by Lars Callieou

When: Sunday
Where: The Druid Pub (11606 Jasper Ave.)

Catch the comedy stars of tomorrow as they serve up laughs aplenty. Since it started up in June, the Druid Comedy Night has been great! Come on down and see for yourself!

Mom Pop & Tots Fair

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Northlands Agricom, 73 St. and 116 Avenue

Learn everything there is to know about having a family. No parenting stone is left unturned!

Spring Harness Racing

When: Friday at 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m.

Where: Northlands Park
And they're off! Witness a night at the races at Northland Park as your favourite horse gallops down the home stretch.

Entertainment in brief

THEATRE A stage adaptation of John Grisham's first novel, *A Time to Kill*, will have its world premiere next year in Washington in what is being billed as a "pre-Broadway" pro-

duction. Arena Stage's artistic director Molly Smith said Thursday the play will run May 6, 2011, through June 19, 2011, at Arena's Kreeger Theater.

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Pulling together in new TV series The Pacific

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After an enduring 18 years in Hollywood, Jon Seda finally landed perhaps the most important role of his career.

The long-time thespian, who has played everything from Jennifer Lopez's love interest in Selena to Detective Falsone on the TV series *Homicide: Life on the Street*, is now making his mark as a sharp-shooting sergeant in HBO's \$200-million 10-part wartime mini-series *The Pacific*.

"At first it seemed like something you want to be part of because as an actor you've got (producers) Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg (and) you know what they did with *Band of Brothers* (which they produced in 2001 for HBO as well)," said Seda during a recent interview.

"But when you actually start diving into the research and start shooting



Jon Seda stars in the new HBO mini-series *The Pacific*.

and boot camp and all that, there's a point where I think it really hit (the actors) that this was something bigger than us."

Based on the true stories of three U.S. Marines stationed in South East Asia during the Second World War, *The Pacific* is a fascinating historical account of the men who fought barbaric battles in dense jungles against a persistent enemy that refused to surrender.

"This was definitely the most physically demanding thing I've been a part of but I think the surprise was it was equally or more mentally challenging," admitted Seda of the intense 10-month film shoot.

"When you think about what (these soldiers) actual-

ly went through ... we had to stay in line with what they actually did so the reality of the fact that someone went through this was pretty overwhelming."

That wasn't the only overwhelming aspect for the hundreds of intimidated young actors who took part in *The Pacific*.

Heightened by its big-name production duo, Tom Hanks even played a general one day when he rode up in a jeep and brought an air of calm to the troops.

"I'm pretty sure it was the first day of boot camp and he gave a big speech to everyone," reflected Seda fondly. "He said, 'We're all here, we're all family, we're all together and we'll get through this together' and that kind of set the tone and got us going."

The Pacific premieres on HBO Canada Sunday

Live from New York ...

It's official: Betty White will host NBC's Saturday Night Live on May 8, WNBC News announced Thursday morning. The Golden Girl was the subject of a Facebook campaign to get her the gig. PEOPLE.COM



Entertainment

Someone is missing from Top Model

IAN JOHNSTON
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Is the fashion world ready for a disabled model?

Probably not, says Sophie Morgan, one of eight disabled women vying for a modeling career on the reality series Britain's Missing Top Model.

"I loved that the show raised that question and tried to answer it," says Morgan, who was paralyzed below her chest in a car accident six years ago.

"And I think the disabled

have every right to share that catwalk.

"But whether the fashion world is ready and you can make a living at it, I have to honestly say not yet."

Britain's Missing Top Model explores that question in great detail as it puts its contestants — who have disabilities as varied as deafness, missing limbs and brain injuries — through their supermodel paces as they vie for a modeling contract and a magazine shoot.

BMTM best resembles

your typical model search show but one that challenges society's preconceptions on beauty.

"I was worried the show would be handled badly," says the Sussex-born Morgan, the only contestant in a wheelchair.

"But in the end, I decid-

ed it would be a challenge and a weird thing to do.

"So I did it. And I enjoyed it. And it definitely taught me things and gave me more confidence."

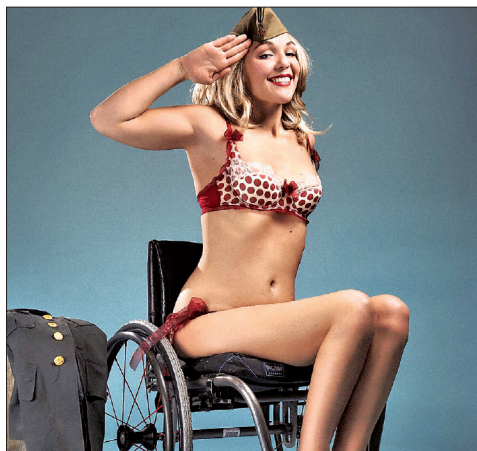
Confidence — apparently — that made her realize she didn't want to be a model.

"It sort of pushed me away from modeling. I didn't like how the models were treated and how they didn't have a voice. It was all about clothes," she says.

A lot of Morgan's time these days is spent as the spokeswoman for IMPERFECT, an organization that

functions as both a support group and an activist group that draws attention to cases of disability discrimination.

"It's aimed at inspiring self-confidence and empowering disabled people to stand up for themselves."



Sophie Morgan is one of eight contestants on the show.

Canadian actor in new series

SONS OF TUCSON When Tyler Labine was starting to get some success as a young actor in Canada his parents gave him some blunt advice: "There's nothing special about what you do."

"Thankfully my parents were very savvy," says Labine, whose latest series, Sons of Tucson, premiered Thursday on Global and can also be seen Sunday on Fox.

Labine grew up in Brampton, Ont., moved with his family to Vancouver during his teenage years and started acting when he was nine. While his parents encouraged his acting ambitions, they made the distinction between what he did and who he was.

"You're a special person, but there's nothing special about what you do," he remembers them telling him. Basically, the message was, "don't ever get a big

head about what you do."

Now 31, Labine has had a few years in L.A. to get some perspective on that advice. He's been close to having that breakout U.S. hit a few times over the years but still no cigar. Reaper, the CW series in which he played slacker pal "Sock" Wysocki, was a cult favourite but barely limped into a second season. The ABC sci-fi series Invasion also failed to land with audiences.

Those setbacks take a toll, "especially when you pour your heart into something and they toss it on the floor," he said at the Sons of Tucson press launch earlier this year in Los Angeles. What he has come to accept is that, "even though a show fails, it doesn't necessarily mean I've failed."

"What I learned is that it's all about the work ethic and how you treat other people."

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Evan Rachel Wood, who was originally cast to play Mary Jane Watson in Spider-Man, Turn Off the Dark, has dropped out of the Broadway musical because of scheduling conflicts, Entertainment Weekly reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

She's dancing for the kids

NOT THE CELEBRITY STATUS, SWAG AND OODLES OF MONEY Kate Gosselin is a mom on a mission: Win the mirror-ball trophy on Dancing with the Stars, people.com reports.

But whether she'll pull it off is another story. The mother of eight says there's just a slight obstacle — dancing, it turns out, isn't her forte. "I do want to win. It's just that the dancing part is getting in the way of winning," she tells People in the new issue.

"In my mind, I'm winning. In my actions, not so much."

Gosselin, 34, says that no matter how long she manages to hold out on

DWTS, the important thing is that she does her best.

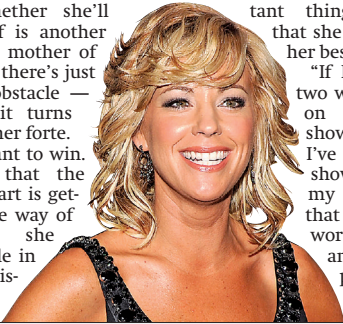
"If I last two weeks on the show, I've shown my kids that hard work and perseverance pays off," says Gosselin, whose pro partner is Tony Dovolani.

"And if I don't win, I've shown them you don't always have to come in first. You just have to keep on trying."

The new season of DWTS, with Brooke Burke replacing Samantha Harris as co-host, begins March 22.

Gosselin will be waltzing her way to the top, competing against actresses Pamela Anderson and Shannen Doherty, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and Bachelor star Jake Pavelka, among others.

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Settling into the new pad

IT'S GOT MANLY METAL BARS AND A COOL BUNK BED As of Monday, rapper Lil Wayne has a new moniker: Inmate Carter, people.com reports.

The platinum-selling artist (real name: Dwayne Michael Carter Jr.), who began his year-long jail sentence for gun possession on Monday, is facing a lot of new circumstances these days.

The rapper is living among the general population of inmates at the Eric M. Taylor Center (a facility for sentenced males on

Riker's Island), but he is also afforded a low level of protective custody, due to his public profile.

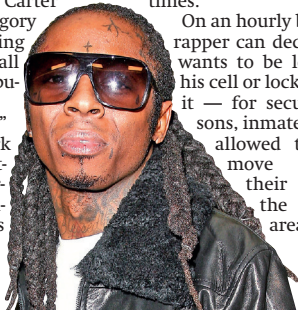
"Inmate Carter is in a category of housing that we call 'general population/escort,'" a New York City Department of Corrections official tells People.

That means

when he leaves the housing area (his cell or the day room), he will have a captain escorting him at all times.

On an hourly basis, the rapper can decide if he wants to be locked in his cell or locked out of it — for security reasons, inmates are not allowed to freely move between their cell and the common areas.

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Repaying kindness with coffee

GOOD THING SHE HAS A FLEET OF PHOTOGRAPHERS FOLLOWING HER. THAT PARKING TICKET WOULD HAVE REALLY GOUGED HER Renée Zellweger is very pleased with the paparazzi, usmagazine.com reports.

On Wednesday, the actress, 40, was in the middle of ordering drinks at a Starbucks in

Santa Monica, Calif., when a paparazzo outside noticed her parking metre was about to expire.

To save her from getting a ticket, he slipped a few coins in the meter.

Appreciative, Zellweger — who is now dating Bradley Cooper — returned to the coffee chain, bought a \$100 gift card and rewarded the photographer.

On the back of the card, she personally expressed her gratitude: "Wow. Thank you so much for the kindness," she wrote.

"Warmly, with gratitude. Renée."

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Doesn't want a tainted rep

TALKING EXPLICITLY ABOUT YOUR SEX LIFE IS THE OBVIOUS THE WAY TO GO In a remarkably candid interview with Men's Health magazine, Gerard Butler admits that since he's become famous he's grown paranoid about having sex.

"I get laid less now than I used to, because I'm way more paranoid now," he says.

"I mean, I'm nowhere near as naughty as I used to be,

partly because I did a lot of that when I was drinking."

But he insists he hasn't become celibate.

"I'm not saying I've cut that part out. I'm certainly no angel. There's no smoke without fire."

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Fractals and melting walls?

NOPE. ACID INSPIRED HIM TO AUDITION FOR IDOL ... SOUNDS LIKE ONE BAD TRIP Former American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert is

happy with his success, and says it's all because he

"found himself" while taking LSD, according to Hollyscoop.

"My trip led me to some epiphanies about

who I was as a performer, what I wanted to do and how I needed to create my own opportunities," he says.

"When I got home, I started writing music with other people and went to the Idol audition. The vision was about finding opportunities.

"I wasn't sitting in the desert in rave-wear thinking about Simon Cowell when I was on acid."

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Attitude not appreciated

NOT A FAVOURITE IN THE SCHOOLYARD. SHOCKER! Twilight star Robert Pattinson admits that he's no stranger to violence, even if he thinks he didn't really deserve it, he tells Parade magazine.

"I got beaten up by a lot of people when I was younger," Pattinson says.

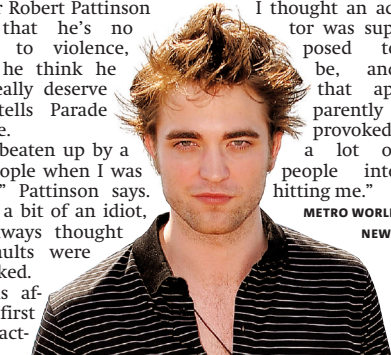
"I was a bit of an idiot, but I always thought the assaults were unprovoked."

"It was after I first started act-

ing and I liked to behave like an actor, or how

I thought an actor was supposed to be, and that apparently provoked a lot of people into hitting me."

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AMANDA BYNES likes the attention, **LIL WAYNE** is OK with going to prison, **JOHN MAYER** is putting his purchases to good use, and **LINDSAY LOHAN** is looking for information.

@amandabynes I appreciate those who don't leave me all alone....

@liltunechi Lav is going without reason.I'll return

@johncmayer My stuff from QVC arrived today. Spraying Nick Chavez hair products on the unsuspecting and then showing them rare silver coins.

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Mischa's moving out

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The former O.C. star has decided to move away from Beverly Hills and has put her \$8.4 million US Tuscan-style mansion on the market, reports People.com.

It was recently reported Mischa is being sued by M.R.A. Realities for failing to pay the \$7,000-a-month rent on her New York apartment for three months. Mischa signed the one-year lease for the apartment last September so she had somewhere to live while she filmed TV series The Beautiful Life, but the programme was cancelled after just two shows.

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Saturday
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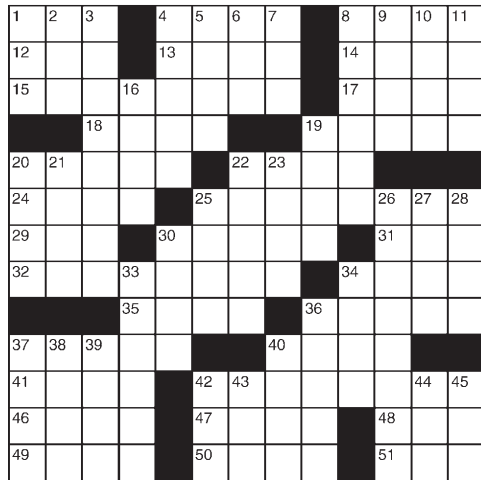


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Mostly sunny
7°C / -5°C



Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host - Breakfast Television

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes!" **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**



ACROSS

1 Sheepish remark?
4 Expansive
8 Cabbie
12 Every last bit
13 Medley
14 Christmas
15 First State
17 Implore
18 Divorcees
19 Tatar leaders
20 Summoned by beeper
22 Femur or fibula
24 Commotions
25 Suave
29 Apiece
30 Reform Party founder
31 Old French coin
32 Unspecified location
34 Heart of the matter
35 Uncomplicated
36 Sacrifice site
37 Halloween option

40 From square one
41 Authentic
42 Boo-Boo's mentor
46 "Meet Me — Louis"
47 Stork's cousin
48 Regret
49 Closet invader
50 Yearn
51 Young salamander

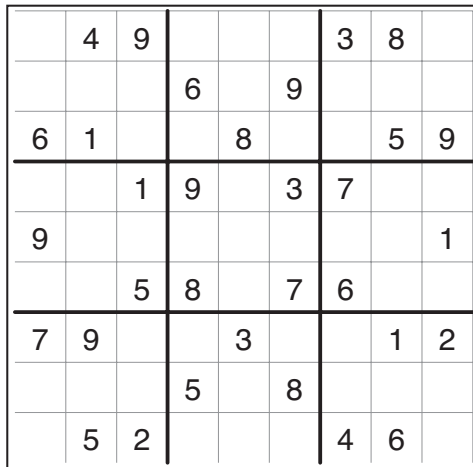
DOWN

1 Terrible
2 Brewery product
3 Symbolic story
4 Swore
5 "Sad to say, ..."
6 Round Table address
7 Pirouette pivot
8 It's handy if you have to break your word
9 Emanation
10 Family
11 Alicia of R&B
16 Lumberjacks' needs
19 Entanglement
20 Hemingway sobriquet
21 Mideast gulf
22 Chuck or Halle
23 Bassoon relative
25 Rick of radio
26 So to speak
27 Tittle
28 Rhine feeder
30 Excellent, in modern slang
33 Affluence
34 Commoner, in old Rome
36 Biscotti flavoring
37 Decorate
38 Nevada city
39 Right on the map?
40 Not "fer"
42 Shriek bark
43 Kimono closer
44 "— Wiedersehen"
45 Emeritus (Abbr.)

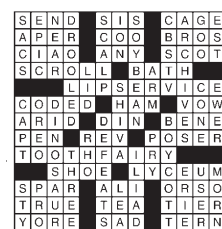
Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



8	3	4	2	5	7	9	1	6
6	1	7	4	9	3	8	2	5
5	2	9	8	1	6	7	4	3
2	7	6	1	3	8	4	5	9
1	9	3	5	4	2	6	7	8
4	8	5	7	6	9	2	3	1
9	6	2	3	7	5	1	8	4
7	5	1	6	8	4	3	9	2
3	4	8	9	2	1	5	6	7



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Don't worry too much if saying what you mean does not come easy today. The words may get stuck now but you'll have plenty to say next week.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Be realistic about a project you are involved in, especially if you are thinking ten steps ahead of everyone else.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may dislike making choices but you are now faced by one that is impossible to avoid. It is obvious that something has to give.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You are not the sort who can be fooled easily and even if you are half asleep today you will quickly work out who is trying to pull the wool over your eyes.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you make a mistake the best thing you can do is to admit it. The more you try to cover up the error the more it will be compounded.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Act with authority and speak with conviction. Make sure everyone knows you are someone to be treated with respect.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Listen to what a friend who can usually be trusted tells you today. It may sound a bit far-fetched but chances are they've got their finger on the pulse.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You cannot agree with everyone and someone will get rather cross too today when they hear what your opinions are on a topic that is dear to them.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
If your instincts tell you one thing today and a work or business colleague tells you something completely different, which one do you trust?



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Try not to attach too much importance to the news that comes your way today, because there is also a large slice of it which is pure nonsense.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will rise to the challenges that the day brings your way and do your reputation no harm at all. You never know what you can do until you try.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Make the most of the Sun in your sign to put your own interests first and don't worry for even a moment that other people might be missing out.



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